GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFT IN AIR FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of Light Combat Aircraft is being felt in Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing position with regard to Light Combat Aircraft in Indian Air Force;

(d) whether the Government is formulating any plan to purchase aircraft in view of the requirement of Light Combat aircraft; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Government constantly reviews the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate aircraft and to make other arrangements for adequate defence preparedness. A contract for procurement of 20 Light Combat Aircraft in initial Operational Clearance configuration from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been signed by Government in March, 2006.